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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDIP PGOV CH AS  
SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA TO VISIT ITALY

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS CONFIRMED THAT PRC FOREIGN  
MINISTER HUANG HUA WILL VISIT ITALY OCTOBER 510  
STOPPING IN ROME ON HIS WAY HOME FROM UNGA. HE REPORTEDLY  
WILL ALSO VISIT UK AND GREECE. THE VISIT IS THE FIRST  
EVER BY A PRC FOREIGN MINISTER TO ITALY AND IS IN  
EXCHANGE FOR THE 1972 MEDICI VISIT AND THAT OF FORLANI  
LAST YEAR. HUANG HUA WILL PSEND ABOUT TWO DAYS IN ROME  
AND ANOTHER THREE DAYS VISITING MAJOR INDUSTRIAL CITIES,  
INCLUDING TURIN (FIAT).

2. FONOFF SOURCE NOTED THE INCREASED VISITS BETWEEN THE  
TWO COUNTRIES, SPECIFICALLY THE RECENT VISITS OF MINISTERS  
COLOMBO AND PEDINI AND THE UNOFFICIAL VISIT OF LABOR  
MINISTER TINA ANSELM TO CHINA. ITALIAN GOAL IS  
PRIMARILY TO REINFORCE CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND ECONOMIC  
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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3. WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A BILATERAL AGREEMENT, ITALY  
WILL HOST ABOUT 300 POST-GRADUATE CHINESE STUDENTS AND  
EXPERTS. IN VIEW OF LANGUAGE DIFFUCLTIES THIS PROGRAM  
WILL BE OFF TO A SLOW START, HOWEVER, AND ABOUT 80  
STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE INITIALLY.

4. FOREIGN MINISTRY ALSO CONFIRMED THAT PRC AMBASSADOR TO ITALY HUANG KUO CHUAN WAS RECALLED TO PEKING AFTER A SHORT TOUR OF ONE YEAR (USLO PEKING 2773). HE REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS A VICE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. HIS REPLACEMENT HAS YET TO BE NAMED.

5. AS FOR THE HUA KUO-FENG VISIT TO ROMANIA AND YOGO-SLAVIA, FONOFF DESCRIBED CHINESE MOVE AS LONG-EXPECTED EFFORT TO GIVE CONCRETE SUBSTANCE TO LONG-STANDING PRC FOREIGN POLICY PRINCIPLES. MOST SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE VISIT ITF FONOFF VIEW WAS STOP IN IRAN WHICH HAD CONCRETE RESULT IN FORM OF PRC SUPPORT FOR SHAH IN THESE TROUBLED DAYS.

6. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH DCM, MFA SECRETARY-GENERAL EXPRESSED HIS CONCERNS IN CONTAXT OF FORTHCOMING HUANG HUA VISIT -- ABOUT THE POTENTIALLY HOT POTATO OF STRONG PRC INTEREST IN ACQUIRING CONVENTIONAL, TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED DEFENSE EQUIPMENT FROM ITALY. HE INDICATED THAT ITALIANS MAY SEEK ALLIED VIEWS IN NATO ON OVERALL QUESTION OF SUCH PURCHASES BY THE PRC IN THE WEST. GARDNER

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